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SUBJ: CIVIL AVIATION: SAHSA 737 ACCIDENT

REF: A. SHULER/STYLES TELECON OF NOVEMBER 11

 B. TEGUCIGALPA 4724

 C. STATE 26039

1. SAHSA REPRESENTATIVES GAVE TO EMBASSY TWO PIECES OF EQUIPMENT TAKEN FROM 737 WHICH WENT OFF END OF RUNWAY AT TONCONTIN AIRPORT, TEGUCIGALPA ON OCTOBER 29. PERMISSION WAS OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT (REF A) TO ACCEPT THE EQUIPMENT NOTED BELOW TO BE FORWARDED VIA THE DEPARTMENT TO THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD FOR READOUT.

2. THE TWO INSTRUMENTS ARE FLIGHT DATA RECORDER, SERIAL NUMBER 5000 AND COCKPIT VOICE RECORDER, SERIAL NUMBER 3948. EMBASSY WILL BOX THESE AND FORWARD BY CLASSIFIED POUCH LEAVING TEGUCIGALPA NOVEMBER 17.

3. IN A TRANSMITTAL LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 10, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION STATES HIS ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN WASHINGTON (REF C) TO ASSIST IN THE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION. THE LETTER (INFORMAL TRANSLATION) STATES: "THE COCKPIT VOICE RECORDER CYCLES EACH 30 MINUTES FOR WHICH REASON IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL THE CONTENTS OF THE RECORDING BE SENT TO US."

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4. "WITH RELATIONSHIP TO THE FLIGHT DATA RECORDER, IT IS

DESIRED, IF POSSIBLE, TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION REGISTERED DURING THE LAST SEVEN DAYS. WE WILL OURSELVES SELECT AND INTERPRET THE DATA THAT IS MOST INTERESTING TO US. WE UNDERSTAND THAT EACH ONE OF THE RECORDINGS OF THE FLIGHT DATA RECORDER COME EXPRESSED IN CURVES IDENTIFIABLE IN RELATION TO COORDINATES WHICH WE WILL NEED IN ORDER TO MAKE AN INTERPRETATION."

5. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION ALSO REQUESTS THAT THE INSTRUMENTS BE RETURNED TO HIM.

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